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Rotary Calendar

November 24, 2009
 Governor Mark
 Sanford

Dec. 1, 2009
 Annual Meeting to
 elect board members;
 Nick Rigas of SC
 Wind Consortium

Dec. 8, 2009
 Garrison Walker, SC
 Commission on Higher
 Education

Dec. 15, 2009
 Holiday Party at
 O'Malley's

Dec. 22 & 29, 2009
 No Meeting

Rotary Foundation

November 17, 2009: Today, we were addressed by Bernie Riedel, Past DG and current District Chair of Rotary Foundation. Bernie took a few minutes to provide us with an overview, brief history and current update of the Foundation, and ended by showing us our dollars at work in the community. There are 532 districts in the world; our's begins west of Columbia near Chapin and runs east and includes 78 clubs. Last year our district was number thirteen in the world giving \$990,588 to the Foundation, number seven in the world for Polio giving at \$266,000, and number four in annual giving at an astounding \$723,000. We have been number one, twice in the past six years! Thanks to all of you who have made this possible!



Bernie Riedel

Rotary was started in 1905 in Chicago by a generous man by the name of Paul Harris. Though the club was not a service organization at its inception, the first service project, constructing an outhouse in Chicago, was completed in 1907. In 1917 at a National Conference in Atlanta Arch Klumph, President of Rotary, saw a need in areas of the world where Rotary was not present. It was then that Mr. Klumph stated that we needed an international commitment to do good in the world and started the endowment fund with \$26.50 from the Rotary of Kansas City. In 1928 the endowment became a 501c (3), and in 1947 Paul Harris died and the fund received an outpouring of support from all over the world in his memory. For the first time the endowment had enough money to do something with it, and the Scholarship Programs were started. They still exist today, 62 years later. In 1957 the Foundation kicked off and got serious about raising money, and determining a way to recognize donors was necessary. It was then that the Paul Harris Fellow award was formed. In 1985 there were more visionaries in Rotary and talk of Polio Eradication began. In 2008 our district received \$431,000 back from the Foundation, (meaning that in 2006 and 2007 we gave \$826,000) and the question became what to do with the money. There were 20 candidates for 6 Ambassadorial scholarships for \$25,000 each, totaling \$150,000 awarded in scholarships. One of these scholars came out of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club and another from the Hilton Head Club. A portion of the remaining money is used for matching gifts, if a club puts up \$10,000 the district matches and the world fund matches. This year \$305,000 in total projects were funded through matching gifts program. Rotary also fulfills district simplified grants. This year \$86,000 was allocated back to the Rotary Clubs for their community. This year our club awarded the Center for Women and Carolina Youth Development with checks for their respective causes. This year we are sending a team to Brazil to continue Rotary's mission. To further Rotary's battle against Polio, in 2007 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave 100 million dollars, to be matched by Rotary and in 2009 the Gates Foundation came back and gave another \$255 million and asked that we match another \$100 million. Rotary has four years to raise \$200 million. Our district is tasked with raising \$1,000,000. Over \$400,000 has been raised so far and we are on task to meet our goal. The Foundation is kept alive by gifts from Rotarians like you, please consider Rotary in your giving, and help promote good for all.

Submitted by Elizabeth Wooten Burwell, Keyway Committee

In other business. . .

Jim Geffert gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Abby Saunders** introduced *visiting Rotarians & guests*. **John Bleecker** introduced our guest, **Bernie Riedel**.

President's Corner



President Kyra:

Holiday Social

Our holiday social will be an evening event this year held in lieu of our meeting that day. Rotarians and their spouse/guest are invited to O'Malley's downtown on Tuesday, December 15th from 5pm-7pm for dinner and drinks. There is no charge for members. Spouses/guests are \$15. This will be a fun, festive event, so mark your calendars now to attend.

Bell Ringing

Our annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army is scheduled for Friday, December 18th. Erin England will be recruiting members for one hour shifts at upcoming meetings.

Senior Giving

The Senior Aging & Issues Committee will again sponsor our annual Senior Giving Tree. Members are asked to pick up an "ornaments" with a gift request from a senior. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to Rotary by Dec. 8th. Gifts will be distributed at our holiday party for seniors at the Ansonborough House on Dec. 15th.

We are also accepting non-perishable food item donations to help the Charleston Senior Center stock their pantry. There will be a collection box at meetings.

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Rotary Foundation Specials:

Every Tuesday in November, we will draw a name of a Rotarian who has already made a contribution to the RF this year. The Rotarian will win a \$25 gift certificate from Sal Barco's Mustard Seed Restaurants. You must be present to win.

Also, any Rotarian who makes an additional gift of \$100 to the RF Annual Program Fund and \$50 to Polio Plus during the month of November or December will also receive a \$25 gift certificate from Sal Barco's Mustard Seed Restaurants. This is an excellent way to fulfill your end of the year charitable giving.

The Silver Spoon :

Award went to the Foundation committee for all their hard work and keeping Foundation giving "stirred up"!

New Paul Harris Fellows:

President Kyra recognized the following members with Paul Harrison Fellows + 1: **Andy Anderson, Tom Brown, Tom Clymer, Rob Dewey, Robin Freer, Brian Johnson, Tom Sweeny and Joan Ustin.** Congratulations to these members! Your contributions to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation are appreciated!



L to R: Tom Clymer, Robert Miller, Andy Anderson, and John Bleecker



Front Row L to R: Tommy Taylor (Paul Harris Fellow) ,Tom Clymer, Joan Ustin, Rob Dewey, Robin Freer; (Back Row L to R): Andy Anderson, Tom Sweeny, Brian Johnson, Tom Brown

Proposed New Member:

Name: **Charles Kaiser**
Address: 1416 Birthright St., Chas., SC 29407
Class.: Educ/Univ/Psychology
Sponsor: Valerie Morris

Any comments regarding proposed new member may be presented in writing to the board of directors.

Member Update:

Please keep **Cecil Sprung** in your thoughts and prayers as he is recovering at home after surgery.

Change in Club Status:

If you plan a change in your club membership status by January 1, 2010 to Excused, Leave of Absence or if you are planning to resign from the club, please notify Carroll Schweers in writing NO LATER than December 4, 2009. This will affect January billing. All current members who officially resign after December 4 will be billed \$42 to cover Rotary International dues, which are paid the first of the billing cycle. If you have any questions, contact Carroll.

Important: Annual Meeting Set for December 1st

Our annual meeting to elect board members is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 1.** Please mark your calendars to attend. A list of members eligible to serve on the board can be found on page 4 this issue.

AREA CLUB MEETING TIMES

- Summerville - Oakbrook**
Wescott County Club
Monday 7:30 AM
- North Charleston**
Airport Radisson
Monday 12:30 PM
- East Cooper Breakfast**
Zeus Grill & Seafood Restaurant
Tuesday 7:30 AM
- Goose Creek**
Old Goose Creek Recreation Center (Temporary)
Tuesday 1:00 PM
- Charleston**
Citadel Alumni House
Tuesday 12:30 PM
- Mt. Pleasant**
Holiday Inn
Wednesday 12:30 PM
- Summerville**
Sticky Fingers Restaurant
Wednesday 1:00 PM
- North Charleston Breakfast**
Embassy Suites
Thursday 7:30 AM
- Daniel Island**
Daniel Island Club
600 Island Park Drive
Wednesday 7:30 AM
- Moncks Corner**
Western Sizzlin
Highway 52
Thursday 12:30 PM
- St. Andrews-Charleston**
Bessinger's BBQ, Hwy. 17S
Thursday 12:30 PM
- Charleston Breakfast**
Harbour Club
Friday 7:30 AM
- St. Johns Parish**
Berkeley Electric Coop
Maybank Hwy.
Wednesday 7:30 AM

Potential By-Laws Change— Please Read by Robin Freer

At our next Rotary meeting, those of you who have not already voted will have an opportunity to carry out one of our most important obligations as Rotarians: assuring the selection of the next group of leaders for our club. This club has for decades played an important role in the life of our city, and with your vote we plan on continuing our heritage of service. I have been asked by your president to ask your input on another question we are currently considering. Our By-laws call for the Board to select from the four new board members you elect our next President-elect. Running this club is a wonderful opportunity for service. It can, however, be daunting for someone who comes on the board and is immediately hit with the responsibilities of the President-elect and becomes the president-elect in 6 months time. The board is considering amending the by-laws to include among those to be considered for president-elect those already serving on the Board. This would assure that those who are new have the opportunity to be considered but give the board the authority to select a sitting member of the board. It would extend such a persons term by two years and assure that club leadership could be placed in the hands of an experienced member of the board where the board believes that to be advisable. Please let Kyra, Carroll or me, [Robin Freer](#), know your thinking on this, and I assure you it will be faithfully reflected in our discussion at our next board meeting.

Rotary Foundation Month # 4 data compiled by Tom Clyburn

The Rotary Foundation is an integral component of what makes Rotary successful; however the Rotary Club of Charleston Fund is our club's primary method of supporting worthwhile organizations and causes in the Charleston community. These funds are administered by The Coastal Community Foundation with specific grants made to support not only local education via scholarships to deserving high school students, but to other organizations as well. Annually, our club holds one major fund raisers with the proceeds used to support our community. We have recently completed our five year \$50,000 pledge to the Lowcountry Food Bank. Annually, we need to generate donation dollars by virtue of these types of fund raisers. Our club needs the financial support to meet the increasing needs of our community, which have never been greater. To that end, as we bring Foundation month to a close, the Board asks each and every Rotarian for (1) monetary support to both the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Charleston Fund at a Sustaining Member level. This would be a \$100 contribution paid semi-annually. In the event a member cannot contribute at this level, any level of support is appreciated to help us serve our community. (2) Involvement in our club's major fund raiser this coming year. As with any new endeavor the major time commitment occurs on the front end. Amy Riley and Hilton Smith have graciously agreed to lead the effort, however, the club's support and involvement is also needed. More information concerning the various ways to contribute is forthcoming. The Board asks for each and every member to support this effort with your time and energy.

Birthday

- Nov. 26 – Doug Peterson
- Nov. 27 – David Anderson
- Nov. 28 – Stephanie Wilson
- Nov. 29 – Bill Trawick

**Attendance
November 11th
93**

Members Absent:

- Anderson, T., Atkins, Baldwin, Berlin, Brown, E., Bryan, Butts, Cantey, Chapman, Clement, Coker, Condon, Crowe, Dallis, DeBiasi, Dopp, Echols, Elsasser, Fellabom, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Barnes, Galos, Gaspard, Gill, Green, D., Green, R., Greene, L., Greene, G., Ham, Hawkins, Hood, Humphries, Johnson, A., Johnson, J., Jones, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Livingston, Lucash, Mandell, McGinley, Medich, Mills, Morse, Murdy, Outlaw, Pate, Prewitt, Ravenel, Riley, Rosa, Rosen, Seguer, Siegel, Smith, H., Sommer-Kresse, Standard, Stevens, Strickland, Sullivan, Thomas, R., Trawick, Van Saun, Vaughan, von Werssowetz, Walker, Wertimer, Witte, Yarborough, Zucker

Wellness Tip:

What Your Will Won't Do: Things to keep in mind when making out your will. Though it's tough to face your own mortality, devising a will ensures that after you die your assets and properties are given to the people you wish.

<http://your-will.rotarywellness.info>

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

In line with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Charleston, the secretary shall supply each member in good standing with a roster giving the names of those members who are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

The By-Laws were revised in July 2009 and state that to be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, a selectee, must be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Charleston (with no current dues delinquencies) and must be a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston for at least twenty four (24) months as of October 1 of the year in which the election is to occur. Additionally, the selectee must have exhibited regular and reliable attendance of at least 70% (including make-ups) over the past twelve (12) months and must not have served on the Board in the prior twelve (12) months unless otherwise permitted herein. A member must also have actively participated in a committee of the Club, as determined by the nominating committee. If elected, a member must agree to become a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation and agree to attend at least one of the following District meetings: District Convention, District Assembly or District Foundation Meeting.

The list of eligible members shall be presented to the members of the Club who shall by ballot each indicate their first through fourth preferences from the below list of eligible members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year. Each member, in attendance at the annual meeting, or by proxy previously submitted, shall have four (4) votes to elect the four (4) new Board Members. **The annual meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1.**

Rotary members who are to serve on the Board of Directors during the 2010-2011 year are Kyra Morris, Brian Johnson, Tom Clymer, Valerie Morris and Lorraine Perry. Outgoing members are Andy Anderson, Robin Freer and Don Oswalt..

Nominating Committee

The following members have been assigned by President Kyra Morris and Nominating Chairperson, Jermaine Husser, to the Nominating Committee: Andy Brack, Amy Jenkins, John Bleecker, Amy Riley and Tom Sweeny.

Members Eligible for Nomination

(Please circle 4 candidates and indicate first through fourth preference)

Atkins, Jim	Grimsley, Alex	Stuhr, Johnny
Bailey, Ricky	Groseclose, Bernie	Taylor, Tommy
Burt, David	Jones, Kathy	Tecklenberg, John
Butts, Dan	Kelley-Duncan, Barbara	Ustin, Joan
Christian, Bill	Kohli, Mary Ann	Walker, Earl
Coe, Steve	Lyles, Thomas	Waring, Tom
Coker, Cooper	Moss, Chris	Welborn, Paul
Cook, Jeremy	Parker, Jim	Wish, Merrill
Dallis, Alex	Prewitt, Bill	
Dewey, Rob	Sales, Fred	
Dopp, Steve	Savage, Beth	
Dowell, Richard	Sifford, Jerry	
Dunaway, Rhett	Smith, Mark	
Edwards, John	Smith, Patterson	
Fellabom, Leslie	Smith, Hilton	
	Stevens, George	

All eligible members will be listed on the ballot unless they notify Carroll prior to Nov. 30 and ask to have their name removed.

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**Remember the 4-Way Test
in all you do.**

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

WWW.CHARLESTON-ROTARY.ORG

District Governor #7770: Alan Walters

Rotary International President: John Kenny

2009-2010 Officers & Committee Chairs

Kyra Morris, President
Brian Johnson, President-Elect
Tom Brown, Treasurer
Tommy Taylor, Secretary
Andy Brack, Past President
Robin Freer, Administration
Brian Johnson, Membership
Valerie Morris, Public Relations
Lorraine Perry, Education
Don Oswald, Service
Tom Clymer, Finance
Andy Anderson, International
Carroll Schweers, Executive Secretary

Robin Freer, Administration

David McCormack, Fellowship
Rhett Dunaway, Visiting Rotarians/Guests
Rob Dewey, Invocation
Ricky Bailey, Emblem
Herb McGuire, Sgt. At Arms
Lisa Thomas/Abby Saunders, By-Laws

Brian Johnson, Membership

Andy Brack, Rotary Information
Brian Johnson, New Members

Andy Brack/Brian Johnson, College of Knowledge
Andy Brack, Membership Development
Jermaine Husser, Nominating
Dave Echols/Abby Saunders, Special Events/Social

Valerie Morris, Public Relations

Rich Dukes, Program
Elizabeth Burwell, Keyway
Darby Siegel, PR/Magazine
Willis Cantey, Roster
Fred Sales, Historian/Club Photographer

Lorraine Perry, Education

Joan Ustin, Excellence in Education
Kathy Jones, Readers
Stephanie Wilson, Job Fair
, Buddy Sail
, Teacher of the Month
, Field Trips
, Weight Watchers, Yoga, Karate

Don Oswald, Service

Erin England, Salvation Army
Mary Peters, Senior Aging
Cooper Coker/Andy Anderson, Environment

Mary Ann Kohli, Wellness
Don Oswald, Vocational Service
, Service Above Self Scholars

Tom Clymer, Finance

Tom Brown, Budget
Mark Smith, RCCF
Hilton Smith/Amy Riley, Rotary Wheels

Andy Anderson, Foundation

Robert Miller, Annual Giving/Spec. Funds
John Bleecker, Ambassadorial Scholarships
Bill Prewitt, Group Study Exchange
John Tecklenburg, International Projects